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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2008. A petition for a two month extension of time for responding to the Office Action is being made concurrently herewith via the EFS-web thereby moving the deadline for response from October 11, 2008 to December 11, 2008. In addition, a terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith.